PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President ; Under Rule 3 (2) of the Legislative Rules, I nominate Messrs. G. Narayana Aiyar and James Fletcher on the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council.

ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEES

President : The House will elect one member each to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee for 1118. The House will also elect a member to the Transport Advisory Committee as the term of the present Committee expires in September 1942. The elections will take place on Friday the 7th August 1942. They will be held as usual after the business of the House for the day is over under the Chairmanship of one of the Panel of Chairmen. The elections will be conducted on the basis of the ordinary system of voting by ballot.

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

Secretary: Sir, I beg to report that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

1. The Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Travancore Merchandise Marks Bill.

MOTIONS FELICITATING THE DEWAN-PRESIDENT.

President: Certain notices of motions have been given. I hope the honourable members will be brief in their observations and enable us to finish the business before lunch time today. I shall now call upon Mr. Kesavan.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : Sir, I move that

> "This Council while congratulating the Dewan-President and expressing its felicitations and good wishes on his appointment as Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, hopes that his departure from the State will only be of short and temporary duration and that ere long he would resume the work which he has under-taken in the State with such conspicuous success and on the completion of which depends the welfare and prosperity of millions of His Highness's loyal subjects".

Sir, it is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that I move this motion of felicitations and good wishes on the eve of your temporary departure from Travancore ; joy that His Excellency the Viceroy has been pleased to choose you as the fittest man to meet the greatest crisis in the history of India : and sorrow, that

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